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## **Commission Approves Plan to Provide Increased Engineering Programs in Southwest Indiana**

At its meeting today in Richmond, Indiana, the Commission for Higher Education approved a plan incorporating three proposals that would provide enhanced engineering opportunities for students and employers in Southwest Indiana.

The plan includes:

- A 2+2 partnership between University of Southern Indiana (USI) and the University of Evansville, whereby engineering students would take their first two years at USI and then transfer to engineering programs offered on the University of Evansville campus.
- A 2+2 partnership between USI and Purdue University, whereby engineering students would take their first two years at USI and then transfer to engineering programs on any of Purdue's campuses.
- Pursuit of a partnership between USI and Purdue University providing a joint engineering program and expanded engineering technology programs delivered on the USI campus, modeled after the Purdue Statewide Technology program.

The Commission's decision follows several months of extensive study and discussions concerning the best approach for meeting the needs of both students and employers in Southern Indiana in a manner that is cost-effective for both the student and the state.